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Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Special Committee decision of 15 August 1991 concerning Puerto Rico

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1498th meeting, on 11 August 1998

The Special Committee,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, as well as the resolutions and decisions of the Special Committee concerning Puerto Rico,

Recalling that 25 July 1998 marks the 100th anniversary of the United States of America's intervention in Puerto Rico,

Having heard statements and testimonies representative of various viewpoints among the people of Puerto Rico and their social institutions,

Taking into account the discussions in the Congress of the United States of America on relations between Puerto Rico and the United States of America,

Considering that the decade of the 1990s was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988, as the Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and the sixteen resolutions and decisions adopted by the Special Committee on Decolonization on the question of Puerto Rico,

Aware that the Puerto Rican people constitute a Latin American and Caribbean nation that has its own and unequivocal national identity,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the application of the fundamental principles of that resolution to the question of Puerto Rico;

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2. *Expresses* its hope, and that of the international community, that the Government of the United States of America will assume its responsibility of expediting a process that allows the Puerto Rican people to fully exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the resolutions and decisions of the Special Committee on Puerto Rico;

3. *Requests* the Rapporteur to present a report to the Special Committee next year on the implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review.